

# Svalbard, Norway • Calendar

## January

**POLAR NIGHT WITH DOGSLEDDING.** One of the most popular attractions in Svalbard. Instructors teach teams of two, how to drive a dogsled, and lead them on a two-hour evening huskie dogsled ride.

## February

**POLAR JAZZ/ARCTIC CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVALS.** Held every year in February, these festivals are a treat to the ears! Listen not only to jazz, but a mix of world-class musical experiences. Storytellers, local food, and drink add to the experience.



## April

**TOUR ON SNOWCATS.** Enjoy a ride in a snowcat. This three-hour tour with a view of the city of Longyearbyen, will take you to a mining town, up the side of a mountain, and end with a beautiful sunset.

## May

**ATV SAFARI SVALBARD ADVENTURES.** Take a 3 ½ hour trip on an ATV. Travel along the foot of a mountain, to a coal mine, and ride to the top of a mountain. Riders often see wild reindeer and arctic foxes.

## June

**MARCH SOLFESTUKA SUN FESTIVAL.** Celebrate the 'suns return' the second Sunday in March. The weekend festivities include concerts, DJs, delicious local food, exhibits, an outdoor church service, and more.

**HUSKIE AND BIRD OBSERVATORY.** Say hello to huskies and see up to 250 native birds and bird nests up close at this inviting spot. The tour is perfect for animal-loving families.

### **July**

#### **FAMILY KAYAK TRIPS.**

Take a memorable kayak trip around a historical fjord near Svalbard. The mountains surrounding the fjord are up to 1000 meters tall. Under age 12 allowed upon request.

### **August**

**EVENING CRUISE.** This popular cruise is navigated in total silence. Some cruisers have seen blue whales, numerous arctic wildlife, and when conditions are right, the northern lights.



### **September**

#### **SVALBARD MUSEUM.**

The exhibits will teach you the history of nature, wildlife, and weather in the Arctic. You will also learn about the first whalers, Norwegian trappers, arctic expeditions, and mineral extractions.

### **October**

#### **NORTHERN LIGHTS**

**CRUISE.** Enjoy the northernmost fjord cruise offered. The cruise ship will head toward Barentsburg for a seven-hour cruise with the hope of experiencing nature's most amazing light show.

### **November**

**ICE CAVE TOURS.** Dress warm and bring headlamps for the five-hour ice cave

tours. The walking poles and boot spikes that are provided, will come in handy. Ages 8 and up.

### **December**

#### **CHRISTMAS IN LONGYEARBYEN.**

Christmas in the northernmost city, Longyearbyen is magical! Where else can you find polar nights, miners singing Christmas carols, peaceful celebrations, and the northern lights? Just 650 miles from the North Pole, this is Santa's first stop.